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## Rep. Mica Selected To Serve As Republican Leader On Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

**Washington, D.C.- U.S. Rep. John Mica (R-FL) was selected today to serve as the top-ranking Republican Member on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for the upcoming 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.**

Mica, a 14-year veteran of the Committee and the current Chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee, was voted to serve as the Ranking Republican on the Transportation Committee by the Republican Steering Committee this morning in one of the closest leadership races in Congress. The full Republican Conference ratified the selection this afternoon.

“This is a very important leadership position and I am grateful to the Republican leadership and all the Members for their confidence in selecting me,” **Mica** said after the vote.

“Our states and communities face very serious challenges with congestion clogging our highways, railways, airports and ports. My priority as the Republican leader on the Transportation Committee is to work effectively with the Administration and Members of Congress as we review and help set our national transportation policies.”

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure sets national policy and funding levels for all U.S. aviation, highway, transit, railroad, water resource and U.S. Coast Guard programs. The Committee passed legislation after September 11<sup>th</sup> that helped restore the aviation industry and reformed aviation security, and also authorizes major highway and aviation bills every four to six years.

“With record levels of traffic congestion and delays experienced by travelers today, we must continue to invest in our nation’s transportation systems to expand our economy and build our nation’s aging infrastructure,” **Mica** said. “I look forward to working with the public and private sector to achieve these goals.”

### **“John Will Be In An Extremely Powerful Position To Influence All Transportation Issues” - Chairman Don Young**

“As the Ranking Member, John will be in an extremely powerful position to influence all transportation issues working in conjunction with the Administration,” said **U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), the current Chairman of the Transportation Committee**. “He played a vital leadership role during the turbulent times after the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks in helping to create a new and comprehensive aviation security program for our nation.

“As a senior Member of the Committee, John also helped develop many other major transportation bills including the historic highway and transit legislation and our railroad, port and bus security programs.”

### **Mica Biography**

Mica has served on the Transportation Committee since 1993. He has been Chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee since 2001, and has also sat on the Railroad and the Highways and Transit Subcommittees. The Congressman has been recognized as a national leader on aviation security and mass transit issues.

Mica will serve as an ex-officio Member on all of the subcommittees.

Mica is the most senior Republican from Florida on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the past 34 years. Congressman William Cramer (FL-St. Petersburg), serving in the House from 1955-1971, was also Ranking Member of the Transportation Committee.

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